

SENATE BILL NO. 2275

Introduced by

Senators Luick, Bekkedahl, Davison, Lemm

Representative Fisher

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to a pilot program to provide stipends for kindergarten through grade
3 three teachers who teach students a foreign language; and to provide an appropriation.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is created
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Curriculum - Kindergarten through grade three - Foreign language - Pilot program.**

8 Beginning with the 2025-26 school year and continuing through the 2026-27 school year,
9 the superintendent of public instruction shall establish and operate a pilot program to provide
10 annual stipends to kindergarten through grade three teachers who provide students instruction
11 in a foreign language. Stipends awarded under the program may not exceed two thousand five
12 hundred dollars per teacher per year. The superintendent shall develop the requirements and
13 procedures for a teacher to participate in the program.

14 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION - FOREIGN**
15 **LANGUAGE TEACHER STIPENDS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general
16 fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$25,000, or so much of the
17 sum as may be necessary, to the department of public instruction, for the purpose of creating a
18 pilot program to provide stipends for kindergarten through grade three teachers who teach
19 students a foreign language, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30,
20 2027.